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1. PROPOSED CONSENSUS STATEMENT ON MIDDLE EAST --

EGYPTIAN COUNSELOR HAGGAG CONFIRMED THAT EGYPT WAS IN PROCESS OF CONSULTING WITH ARAB DELEGATIONS ON BASIS OF DRAFT SC CONSENSUS STATEMENT ON THE SYG'S MIDDLE EAST REPORT, BUT HEDGED ON ITS CONTENTS. LATER, USUN OBTAINED DRAFT WHICH EMERGED FROM EXTENDED CONSULTATIONS AMONG ARAB AND NONALIGNED REPRESENTATIVES. IT WOULD, INTER ALIA, EXPRESS GRAVE CONCERN OVER LACK OF PROGRESS TOWARD ACHIEVEMENT OF JUST AND LASTING PEACE; CALL FOR PROMPT CONVENING OF MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE WITH THE PARTICIPANTS OF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED WITH VIEW TO ACHIEVING A JUST AND LASTING SETTLEMENT, WHICH SHOULD INCLUDE THE CONFIDENTIAL

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ESTABLISHMENT IN PALESTINE OF AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HOMELAND FOR THE PALESTINIANS; AND STRONGLY DEPLORE ESTABLISHMENT OF SETTLEMENTS. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 907, 916)

2. SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD) --

ARGENTINE AMB ORTIZ DE ROZAS, WHO WILL BE CHAIRMAN OF THE SSOD PREPARATORY COMMITTEE, EXPRESSED THE HOPE TO AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE LEONARD THAT THE FIRST SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE WILL BE BRIEF, BUSINESS-LIKE, DEVOTED ONLY TO PROCEDURAL MATTERS, INCLUDING ELECTION OF BUREAU, DECISION-MAKING AND PARTICIPATION OF NON-MEMBERS. IN OUTLINING HIS PROPOSED SCENARIO, HE SAID SYG WALDHEIM WILL OPEN THE SESSION MARCH 28. ORTIZ BELIEVES IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO HAVE 10-MEMBER BUREAU, DOES NOT FAVOR ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERSESSIONAL WORKING GROUPS, AND DOES NOT BELIEVE THE YUGOSLAV WORKING PAPER WILL BECOME THE MAJOR NONALIGNED SSOD DOCUMENT. HE BELIEVES THE NONALIGNED ARE SEEKING WAYS TO IMPROVE, NOT UNDERMINE,

THE CCD, AND TO STRENGTHEN THE LINK BETWEEN IT AND THE UN.
LEONARD EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF A REALISTIC APPROACH
WHICH PRESERVES AND IMPROVES EXISTING DISARMAMENT MACHINERY,
INCLUDING CCD. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 912)

3. DJIBOUTI --

FRENCH AMB LEPRETTE DREW ATTENTION TO THE DECISION IN
PARIS TO HOLD A REFERENDUM AND ELECTIONS IN DJIBOUTI MAY
8, WITH INDEPENDENCE FOLLOWING IN JUNE, AND COMMENTED
GOF WAS MILDLY OPTIMISTIC. HE NOTED FRANCE AGREED TO
RECEIVE OBSERVER MISSIONS IN DJIBOUTI FOR THE MAY 8 VOTING
FROM UN (OBSERVERS WILL BE NORWAY, SRI LANKA, VENEZUELA),
OAU AND ARAB LEAGUE. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 895)

4. DEPARTURE OF LIBERIAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE --

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LIBERIAN AMB BROOKS-RANDOLPH TOLD MINCON KITCHEN SHE WAS
NOT AT ALL HAPPY AT PROSPECT OF BEING ASSOCIATE JUSTICE
OF THE SUPREME COURT OF LIBERIA. HOWEVER, SHE FIRMLY INTENDS
TO BE CANDIDATE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE
ON RETIREMENT OF PRESENT BENIN INCUMBENT IN 1978, AND
SHE HOPES THE US WILL SUPPORT HER QUEST FOR THE ICJ POST.
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5. LEBANESE PERM REP CONTEMPLATING DEPARTURE --

LEBANESE AMB GHORRA TOLD MINCON KITCHEN HE WILL BE RETIRING FROM THE LEBANESE FOREIGN SERVICE IN JULY, EXPECTS TO MAKE AN EXTENDED TOUR OF THE US BEFORE RETURNING TO LEBANON, AND WOULD NOT PRECLUDE POSSIBILITY HIS GOVERNMENT MIGHT HAVE FURTHER USES FOR HIS SERVICES IN THE FUTURE.
(CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 909)

6. OUTER SPACE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE --

WORKING GROUP III ON REMOTE SENSING MET TWICE MARCH 24, AND MONGOLIA BEGAN BY REINTRODUCING ITS WORKING PAPER FROM LAST YEAR ON PRINCIPLE OF FULL AND PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES AND OVER INFORMATION CONCERNING THOSE RESOURCES. THE WG THEN SPENT BETTER PART OF THE DAY INCONCLUSIVELY DEBATING THE EXISTENCE AND APPLICABILITY OF SUCH A "PRINCIPLE" IN THE FIELD OF REMOTE SENSING. EASTERN BLOC AND LDC'S PREDICTABLY SUPPORTED THE CONCEPT, WHILE THE US WAS JOINED BY UK, FRG, ITALY AND JAPAN IN STRONG OPPOSITION. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 902)

REPRESENTATIVES OF BULGARIA AND POLAND, ONLY SPEAKERS IN
SUBCOMMITTEE MARCH 25, SUPPORTED THE MONGOLIAN WORKING PAPER
ON REMOTE SENSING.

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7. SECURITY COUNCIL -- SYG'S MIDDLE EAST REPORT

THE SC MARCH 25 TOOK UP SYG WALDHEIM'S REPORT ON
HIS EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT THE ARLY RECONVENING OF THE GENEVA
PEACE CONFERENCE ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND HARD THE SYG
AND REPRESENTATIVES OF EGYPT AND JORDAN. AT THE OUTSET,
PRESIDENT YOUNG SAID THAT EGYPT HAD ASKED FOR THE PARTICIPATION
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OF THE PLO IN THE DEBATE "IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PREVIOUS
DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL IN THAT RESPECT." THE PROPOSAL,
HE UNDERSTOOD, WAS NOT BEING MADE UNDER RULE 37 OR RULE 39,
BUT IF ADOPTED, THE INVITATION WOULD GIVE THE PLO THE
SAME RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION AS THOSE CONFERRED ON MEMBER
STATES INVITED TO PARTICIPATE UNDER RULE 37. SPEAKING AS
US REPRESENTATIVE, YOUNG SAID USG WAS NOT ABLE TO AGREE
TO THE INVITATION TO THE PLO TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE
SAME RIGHTS AS MEMBER STATES. THE US THOUGHT THE TERMS OF THE
INVITATION WERE INAPPROPRIATE IN THE PAST. FOR THAT REASON,
HE ASKED FOR A VOTE. THE INVITATION WAS APPROVED
10-1(US)-14(CANADA, FRANCE, FRG, UK), AND THE PLO AND
ISRAEL WERE BOTH SEATED AT THE COUNCIL TABLE. (USUN 908)
THE NEXT MEETING ON THE QUESTION WILL BE AT 3:00 P.M.,
MARCH 28.

SYG WALDHEIM RECALLED THAT HE SAID IN HIS REPORT THAT
SOME PROBLEMS HAD TO BE COVERCOME BEFORE THE CONFERENCE
COULD BE RECONVENED, AND THAT CERTAIN CHANGES IN ATTITUDE
ON ALL SIDES WERE DESIRABLE. HE REMAINED HOPEFUL THAT
THE DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS NOW UNDER WAY MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TO
SUCH CHANGES. HE STRESSED "THE ABSOLUTE NECESSITY" OF
SEIZING THE PRESENT OPPORTUNITIES AND TAKING ADVANTAGE
OF THE PREVAILING CLIMATE FOR MAKING DEFINITE STEPS FORWARD
TOWARD A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT.

EGYPT -- AMB MEGUID REVIEWED PREVIOUSLY-STATED POSITIONS
ON PALESTINIAN RIGHTS, ISRAELI POLICIES, SETTLEMENTS,
INHUMAN CONDITIONS OF ARAB PRISONS, AND ISRAELI/SOUTH AFRICAN
COOPERATION. HE SAID ANY HLEP GIVEN TO ISRAEL TO ESTABLISH
SETTLEMENTS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES OR TO PLUNDER
THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES, SUCH AS DRILLING FOR OIL IN THE
SINAI, WAS REGARDED AS A HOSTILE ACT AGAINST EGYPT. THE
TIME WAS "PROFITIOUS FOR INITIATING REAL PROGRESS IN THE
RIGHT DIRECTION TOWARD A GENUINE PEACE AND STABILITY IN

LUR AREA AND NOT ONLY MOVEMENT," HE SAID. IT WAS ISRAEL
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WHICH PUT OBSTACLES IN THE WAY OF RECONVENING THE GENEVA
CONFERENCE BY RAISING PROCEDURAL DIFFICULTIES CONCERNING
PARTICIPATION OF THE MAIN PARTY, THE PALESTINIANS. THE
RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS WERE NO LESS IMPORTANT THAN
THE RIGHTS OF OTHER PEOPLES IN THE AREA, AND THEY SHOULD BE
GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THEIR LEGITIMATE DEMANDS
ON AN EQUAL FOOTING WITH OTHERS. IT WAS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE
THAT THE SC CALL FOR PROMPT RECONVENING OF THE PEACE CONFERENCE
AND ASK THE SYG TO CONTINUE HIS ACTIVE ROLE AND HIS CONTACTS
WITH THE CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRMEN.

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JORDAN -- AMB NUSEIBEH SAID THAT ISRAELI ACTIONS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AMOUNTED TO "A PROCESS OF SLOW DEATH, A TERRITORIAL, CULTURAL AND NATIONAL GENOCIDE" PERPETRATED UPON THE TERRITORIES AND THE PEOPLE IN THEM, HE CIRCULATED TO SC MEMBERS AN ISRAELI GOVERNMENT ADVERTISEMENT WHICH HAD APPEARED IN NEW YORK MAGAZINES SHOWING THE DOME OF THE ROCK -- THE PIVOTAL CENTER OF ISLAMIC DEVOTION FOR OVER 1300 YEARS -- AS REPRESENTING ISRAEL, AND HE CALLED IT A "NEW PEAK OF DISTORTIVE MISINFORMATION." HE URGED THE SC IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS NOT TO ABANDON THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND THE PEOPLE IN THEM. COMMENTING THAT GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT TAKE YEARS, NUSEIBEH SAID JORDAN PROPOSED THAT THE SC SET UP A "THREE-MAN MINITORING TEAM FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS," IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SYG, TO BE INSTALLED AT "WHAT IS KNOWN AS GOVERNMENT HOUSE IN JERUSALEM," IN ORDER TO OVERSEE A STRICT OBSERVANCE OF THE FOURTH GENEVA CONVENTION IN THE TERRITORIES AND TO REPORT MONTHLY TO THE SC ON ANY AND ALL VIOLATIONS. HE SUGGESTED MEMBERS OF THE TEAM BE DRAWN FROM COUNTRIES SUCH AS THE US, UK AND FRANCE, WHICH HAD DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL AND COULD IN NO WAY BE ACCUSED OF BEING HOSTILE TO ISRAEL.

8. SECURITY COUNCIL -- SOUTH AFRICA

THE SC, CONTINUING DEBATE ON THE QUESTION OF SOUTH AFRICA, HEARD STATEMENTS MARCH 25 BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF GUINEA, SENEGAL AND ZAMBIA. ALSO, UNDER RULE 39, STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY FORMER SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER OLOF PALME, MAKATINI OF THE ARICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS OF SOUTH AFRICA, AND ABDUL MINTY, HONORARY SECRETARY OF THE BRITISH ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT. RIGHTS OF REPLY TO MINTY WERE EXERCISED BY UK AND FRANCE.

GUINEA -- CAMARA NOTED SOUTH AFRICA HAD SAID THERE WOULD NEVER BE UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE IN SOUTH AFRICA AND THAT BLACKS

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WOULD NEVER BE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT. HE CHARGED THAT THE STRATEGIC AND ECONOMIC INTERESTS OF IMPERIALISM ENCOURAGED THE PRETORIA REGIME TO ADOPT NEW DISCRIMINATORY MEASURES AND TO INTENSIFY ITS REPRESSION. DIALOGUE WAS OUT, BECAUSE IT WOULD ONLY GIVE THE FASCIST REGIME MORE TIME. WHAT WAS REQUIRED NOW WAS COUNCIL ACTION, INCLUDING AN ARMS EMBARGO AND END TO ALL FORMS OF ASSISTANCE WHICH ENABLED THE REGIME TO SURVIVE.

SENEGAL -- FALL, CALLING SHARPEVILLE AND SOWETO ONLY SYMBOLS, SAID IT WAS SOUTH AFRICA AS A WHOLE THAT HAD REVOLTED AGAINST THE PRETORIA REGIME AND ITS "INHUMAN PRACTICES." COUNTRIES SUPPORTING PRETORIA WERE "ACCOMPLICES IN ITS CRIMES." THE SC HAD A DUTY TO TAKE ACTION TO COMPEL THE PRETORIA REGIME TO COOPERATE IN BRINGING ABOUT A MULTIRACIAL STATE IN SOUTH AFRICA, BASED ON FREEDOM AND EQUALITY FOR ALL. THE SC SHOULD DECLARE THE SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA A THREAT TO THE PEACE AND IMPOSE A MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO, AND WESTERN POWERS SHOULD ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES SULLY WITH THIS ACTION.

ZAMBIA -- KAMANA, AFTER DENOUNCING SOUTH AFRICA, SAID THE TIME HAD COME FOR THE UN TO RE-EXAMINE ITS METHODS. THE SC, IN PARTICULAR, MUST DECIDE WHAT ROLE, IF ANY, IT WAS GOING TO PLAY IN THIS SITUATION. A MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA WAS LONG OVERDUE. THE SC SHOULD ALSO, AS A MINIMUM, PREVENT FURTHER FOREIGN ECONOMIC INVESTMENTS IN THAT COUNTRY. CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA WAS INEVITABLE, AND THE WESTERN POWERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEE THAT THE REGIME COULD NOT BE CUSTODIAN OF THEIR LONG-TERM INTERESTS IN THE REGION. IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE WOULD COUNT AS FRIENDS ONLY THOSE WHOSE POLICIES ADVANCED RATHER THAN HINDERED THEIR CAUSE OR, INDEED, MADE THE STRUGGLE MORE PROTRACTED. THIS DEBATE WAS IMPORTANT FOR THE CREDIBILITY OF THE WESTERN COUNTRIES. KAMANA SAID, EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT THEY WOULD BE COUNTED ON THE

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SIDE OF FREEDOM, INDEPENDENCE AND JUSTICE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

OLOF PALME, GIVING EXAMPLES OF WHAT APARTHEID MEANT TO THE PEOPLE IN HUMAN TERMS, MENTIONED SOWERO, POLICE BRUTALITY, TREATMENT OF MENTALLY ILL BLACK AFRICANS, TORTURE AND

DEATHS IN PRISONS. EUROPE, HE SAID, WOULD NEVER ACCEPT SMITH'S AND VORSTER'S "PERVERSION" OF WESTERN DEMOCRACY -- THEY REPRESENTED THE VERY OPPOSITE OF DEMOCRACY. MINORITY RULE WAS COMING TO AN END AND SOUTH AFRICA WAS RAPIDLY MOVING TOWARD AN UNCERTAIN CLIMAX. THE RIGHT KIND OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION WAS ONE WHICH WOULD SUPPORT THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE. THE UN, EACH COUNTRY AND GOVERNMENT, EACH POPULAR MOVEMENT, HAD ITS OWN RESPONSIBILITY AND ITS OWN ROLE TO PLAY. PALME THEN OUTLINED SOME OF THE AREAS WHERE SUCH ACTION COULD BE TAKEN: HALT TO ARMS EXPORT AND MILITARY COOPERATION; HALT TO INVESTMENT AND EXPORT OF CAPITAL; MATERIAL AND POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. NEXT WEEK, HE SAID, THE SWEDISH PARLIAMENT WILL DEBATE A MOTION ASKING FOR IMMEDIATE CHANGE IN SWEDISH CURRENCY LEGISLATION IN ORDER TO PROHIBIT EXPORT OF CAPITAL TO SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA, AND AN EFFORT WILL BE MADE ALSO TO RESTRICT SWEDISH COMPANIES OPERATING IN THOSE COUNTRIES. HE NOTED THAT THE NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS, MEETING IN REYKJAVIK TWO DAYS AGO, HAD CALLED FOR SC ACTION TO IMPOSE A MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA AND A BAN ON FURTHER FOREIGN INVESTMENTS. THE QUESTION OF LIMITING OR ENDING FOREIGN ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN SOUTH AFRICA HAD BECOME MORAL AS WELL AS POLITICAL, AND EACH COUNTRY HAD TO CONSIDER THE IDEA OF UNILATERAL PROHIBITIVE MEASURES.

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MAKATINI, OF ANC, ACCUSED THE UN OF HAVING TAKEN NO REAL ACTION. IT WAS HARD TO ESCAPE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE SUCCESSES OF THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE HAD BEEN SEEN LESS AS PART OF A PROCESS OF ENDING INJUSTICE AND OPPRESSION THAN AS A "THREAT" TO THE INTERESTS OF CERTAIN POWERS, PARTICULARLY THE INTERESTS OF MAJOR WESTERN POWERS. IN HIS VIEW THAT WAS "NOW THE CORE OF THE PROBLEM." THOSE COUNTRIES, UNDER GUISE OF BUSINESS AS USUAL, HAD BEEN HELPING TO FINANCE AND ARM SOUTHAFRICA IN THE BELIEF IT WOULD PROTECT THEIR OWN INTERESTS. THE PRETORIA REGIME COULD NOT SURVIVE WITHOUT THE SUPPORT FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, AND THIS POINTED THE WAY TO EFFECTIVE ACTION BY THE UN, FOR IF FOREIGN SUPPORT WERE WITHDRAWN, THE REGIME WOULD HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO DISMANTLE APARTHEID. IN THE LONG RUN, THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA WOULD GAIN THEIR FREEDOM AND "MAKE THEIR OWN FUTURE." THE ANC REMAINED CONVINCED THAT THE PRESENT SC SESSION HAD THE POTENTIAL OF MARKING A TURNING POINT; IT WAS HEARTENED BY CERTAIN PRONOUNCEMENTS BY THE NEW WASHINGTON ADMINISTRATION, AS WELL AS THE STEADILY GROWING HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT FROM THE WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. HE HOPED THE FORMER US ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION UNDER MEMORANDUM 39, ON THE TRANSKEI REPORTED PROJECT OF ESTABLISHING A VANAL BASE IN PORT ST. JOHN, AND OTHER COVERT ACTIVITIES, WOULD SOON BE THE SUBJECT OF PUBLIC RENUNCIATION. HE CALLED ON FRANCE AND THE UK, TOGETHER WITH THE US, TO END NUCLEAR COLLABORATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA. HE ALSO CALLED FOR MANDATORY ECONOMIC

SANCTIONS AND ARMS EMBARGO UNDER CHAPTER VII. READING FROM PART OF THE ANC FREEDOM CHARTER, HE POINTED OUT THERE WAS NO WAY IN WHICH THOSE PRINCIPLES COULD BE APPLIED IN AN APARTHEID SYSTEM. IT WAS, THEREFORE, CLEAR WHY THE APARTHEID REGIME MUST BE OVERTHROWN.

MINTY CHARGED THERE WERE GAPING HOLES IN THE WAY THE UK APPLIED THE EMBARGO AND CITED NUMEROUS EXAMPLES
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OF WHAT HE CALLED VIOLATIONS AND EVASIONS. HE ADDED THAT WHAT HE SAID WITH REGARD TO THE UK WAS ALSO TRUE OF THE US AND FRG, AND GAVE EXAMPLES. IN THE CASE OF THE US, A WIDE RANGE OF RADAR AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, AS WELL AS AIRCRAFT DESCRIBED AS CIVILIAN, WAS SOLD TO SOUTH AFRICA. THE MOST BLATANT VIOLATORS OF THE ARMS EMBARGO WERE FRANCE AND ITALY, HE SAID, ADDING "THERE IS VIRTUALLY NOTHING NEEDED BY THE PARTHEID REGIME WHICH IS PROHIBITED BY FRANCE." CANADA PERHAPS APPLIED THE STRICTEST EMBARGO, BUT ISRAEL WAS EMBARKING ON ARMS SALES, INCLUDING FAST NAVAL PATROL BOATS. MINTY ALSO NOTED NATO CODIFICATION SYSTEM FOR SPARES AND EQUIPMENT HAD BEEN PROVIDED TO SOUTH AFRICA. ANY MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO SHOULD BE COMPREHENSIVE, COVERING THE EXCHANGE OF VISITS BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENSE OFFICIALS AND SEVERAL WESTERN COUNTRIES. PETITIONS CALLING FOR A MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO HAD BEEN PRESENTED TO FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN, WHO HAD GIVEN THE BRITISH ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT ASSURANCES THAT THE LOOPHOLES IN THE ARMS EMBARGO WOULD BE LOOKED INTO AND CLOSED. MINTY DECLARED THAT THE EMBARGO MUST BE MADE MANDATORY AND STRICTLY ENFORCED. HE ALSO CALLED FOR A BAN ON FUTURE LOEANS AND INVESTMENTS TO SOUTH AFRICA. IN HIS VIEW, THE QUESTION WAS WHETHER THE WESTERN POWERS HAD THE POLITICAL WILL TO CONFRONT APARTHEID.

UK AMB RICHARD, UNDER RIGHT OF REPLY, SAID MINTY HAD MADE THESE ALLEGATIONS PREVIOUSLY, AND THE UK HAD REPLIED TO THE COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID. HE DID NOT SEE HOW LISTENING TO MINTY SPEND HALF AN HOUR "IMPUGNING THE INTEGRITY OF MY COUNTRY" COULD HELP THE SC, AND HE REJECTED THE "IMPLICATION THAT WE ARE CHEATING." THE UK WAS IMPLEMENTING THE ARMS EMBARGO AT CONSIDERABLE COST TO ITSELF, AND HE WOULD HAVE THOUGHT MINTY WOULD "GIVE US SOME CREDIT." HMG HAD DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH THE BRITISH ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT AS RECENTLY AS THIS WEEK AND GIVEN ASSURANCES
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THAT THE ALLEGATIONS WOULD BE LOOKED INTO, RICHARD STATED.

LECOMPT (FRANCE) SAID FRANCE HAD BANNED ANY FURTHER ARMS SALES OR CONTRACTS WITH SOUTH AFRICA, AND HE DID NOT INTEND TO REPLY TO MINTY.

9. SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENCE BONDS --

UK MISSION SENT LETTER TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID, WHICH WAS CIRCULATED AS UN DOCUMENT, SETTING OUT THE AGREED STATEMENT, ISSUED BY THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS OFFICE, IN WHICH A SENIOR OFFICIAL OF BARCLAYS BANK EXPLAINED THAT THE DAY-TO-DAY MANAGEMENT OF INVESTMENT OF LOCAL FUNDS IN BARCLAY'S SOUTH AFRICAN SUBSIDIARY WAS ENTIRELY IN THE HANDS OF SOUTH AFRICAN MANAGEMENT; BARCLAYS WAS CONCERNED AT THE INSENSITIVE NATURE OF THE INVESTMENT IN DEFENCE BONDS AND THE PUBLICITY GIVEN TO IT, AND GAVE UNDERTAKING THAT THE BANK WOULD DO WHATEVER POSSIBLE TO ENSURE THAT SUCH ACTION WAS NOT REPEATED. THE LETTER ALSO REJECTED ALLEGATIONS THAT SOUTH AFRICA IS GIVEN ANY SPECIAL STATUS WHERE THE EXPORT OF ARMS FROM THE UK IS CONCERNED, OR THAT THE EMBARGO IS EVADED BY ALLOWING MANUFACTURE UNDER LICENSE OR BY SETTING UP SUBSIDIARIES IN SOUTH AFRICA. (USUN 906)

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10. JOINT MEETING OF COMMITTEE OF 24 AND NAMIBIA COUNCIL --

AT JOINT MEETING MARCH 25, THE COMMITTEE OF 24 AND THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA ENDORSED PROPOSALS CONCERNING THE OFFICERS, DRAFT AGENDA, PUBLICITY, GUIDELINES AND PARTICIPATION FOR THE MAPUTO CONFERENCE IN SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLES OF ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA. ADDITIONAL PLEDGES FOR THE CONFERENCE WERE ANNOUNCED BY CUBA (\$5,000) AND EGYPT (\$10,000), BRINGING THE TOTAL OF PLEDGES AND PAYMENTS TO \$203,450 OF THE \$246,500 REQUIRED. CHAIRMAN SALIM (TANZANIA) URGED MEMBERS TO ENCOURAGE FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS. MEXICAN REPRESENTATIVE, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE SPANISH-LANGUAGE COUNTRIES INVITED TO MAPUTO, SAID THOSE COUNTRIES HAD RENOUNCED THE USE OF SPANISH AS A CONFERENCE LANGUAGE AS THEIR CONTRIBUTION, BUT IT SHOULD NOT BE REGARDED AS A PRECEDENT.

11. SUBCOMMITTEE FOR 1978 WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM --

THE PREPARATORY SUBCOMMITTEE CONCLUDED ITS FIRST SESSION MARCH 25 BY APPROVING ITS REPORT, WHICH CONTAINS RECOMMENDATIONS ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. RESERVATIONS ON THE REPORT WERE EXPRESSED BY FRANCE, UK AND FRG. IT WAS TENTATIVELY SUGGESTED THAT THE CONFERENCE SHOULD MEET AUG. 14-25, 1978, PREFERABLY IN AFRICA, BUT IN THE ABSENCE OF AN OFFER

BY A GOVERNMENT TO HOST THE CONFERENCE, IT WAS GENERALLY FELT GENEVA SHOULD BE THE LOCATION. THE REPORT RECOMMENDS THAT THE CONFERENCE "CONCENTRATE ON THE STRUGGLE AGAINST RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND, IN PARTICULAR, IN SOUTHERN AFRICA." THE RECOMMENDATION WAS PROPOSED BY BULGARIA, AND AMENDED BY ALGERIA TO INCLUDE THE PHRASE "THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND, IN PARTICULAR," AND WAS APPROVED WITHOUT OBJECTION. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ACCEPTED SYRIAN PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE

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SECRETARIAT PREPARE FOR THE CONFERENCE A COMPILATION OF UN RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS RELEVANT TO COMBATTING RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. RESERVATIONS TO THAT WERE EXPRESSED BY THE UK, FRG AND FRANCE ON GROUNDS THEY HAD NOT SUPPORTED A NUMBER OF RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING THE DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. USSR AND IRAQ OBJECTED TO THE FACT THAT THE THREE DELEGATIONS MADE RESERVATIONS. FRENCH PROPOSAL WAS REJECTED WHICH WOULD HAVE DELETED REFERENCE TO THE BAGHDAD SYMPOSIUM ON RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

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THE QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION OF NGO'S IN THE CONFERENCE WAS LEFT TO ECOSOC TO DECIDE. THE SOVIET AND ARAB DELEGATIONS ARGUE THAT THEIR SELECTION SHOULD BE BASED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, ON THEIR RECORD IN THE FIELD OF STRUGGLE AGAINST RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND THEIR SPECIFIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROGRAM. THIS ARGUMENT IS LEADING UP TO AN ATTEMPT TO DENY PARTICIPATION TO NGO'S WHO HAVE NOT SUPPORTED GA RESOLUTIONS, SPECIFICALLY, JEWISH ORGANIZATION WHICH HAVE OPPOSED RESOLUTION 3379. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 913)

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12. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE --

AT THE COMMITTEE'S AFTERNOON MEETING MARCH 24, MOVCHAN'S (SOVIET EXPERT) REVISED HIS AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE IN THE DRAFT RULES OF PROCEDURE THAT "THE COMMITTEE SHALL SEEK TO OBTAIN A CONSENSUS BEFORE REACHING A DECISION." HE WAS SUPPORTED BY GDR, ROMANIA AND BULGARIA, AND OPPOSED BY FRG, TUNISIA, CANADA, MAURITIUS, ECUADOR, COSTA RICA, NORWAY AND UK ON GROUNDS, AS TUNISIAN EXPERT SAID, IT WOULD BE INTRODUCING IDEA OF VETO INTO COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS. MARCH 25, THE COMMITTEE DEVOTED THE MORNING

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TO DISCUSSING WHETHER THE DISTRIBUTION OF ACCOUNTS OF
PUBLIC MEETINGS SHOULD BE RESTRICTED, WITH EXPERTS FROM
GDR AND USSR ARGUING FOR LIMITED DISTRIBUTION, AND FRG, UK,
COSTA RICA, ECUADOR, NORWAY, IRAN CANADA, AMONG OTHERS,
SUPPORTING THE VIEW THAT RECORDS OF PUBLIC MEETINGS SHOULD,
AS A RULE, BE GENERALLY DISTRIBUTED TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS.

13. DEMONSTRATION AT ARGENTINE CONSULATE GENERAL --

ON MARCH 25, 250 INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTING THREE GROUPS --
US COMMITTEE FOR DEMOCRACY IN ARGENTINA, YOUTH AGAINST
WAR AND FASCISM, AND ANTI-IMPERIALIST MOVEMENT FOR SOCIALISM
IN ARGENTINA -- CONDUCTED PROTEST DEMONSTRATION AT ARGENTINE
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